

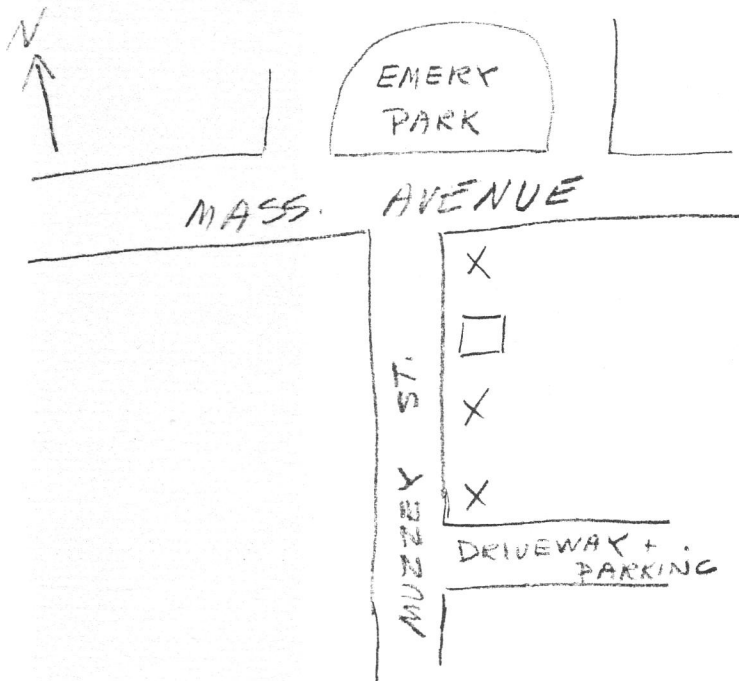
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____ MHC Photo no. _____
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Lexington

s 6 Muzzey St.

John Davis House

it use Shops (Pearmain Realtors, Bella's
Market, Apple Scruffs on 2nd.)

it owner _____

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1841

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Federal

ect _____

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Greek revival , door late

Italianate Hood & brackets over door. Five
bay wide-center entrance

Altered 1st. floor windows Date post WWII

Moved from corner Date 1918 1912

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 35'

Approximate distance of building from street
8' (on sidewalk)

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date October, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) ? Capt. Phelps

Original use _____

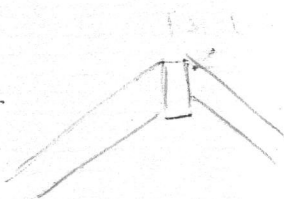
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

(If this is Capt. Phelps' house, then is location of first library in town; 200 volumes in Farmers' Club Library were placed in an upstairs room. In 1862, Farmers' Club was authorized to take charge of books belonging to town. Ed Worthen, p. 70) Capt. Phelps' house was also first location of Lexington Savings Bank, opened 1871 (E. W. p. 73)



roof framing system - windows 6 x 6 on 2nd floor-
first floor windows altered.

Ed Worthen p. 114 - 1916-Theatre block #1792-1804 Mass. Ave. built. Capt. Phelps' house moved back.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worthen - Calendar History

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:	Form No:
Property Name: 6 Muzzey Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Reed House)

Correction: this is not the former Capt. Phelps house. This structure formerly stood facing Massachusetts Avenue on the corner of Muzzey Street. It was erected prior to 1841 and was lived in by John Davis in that year, when he was postmaster.

The Capt. Phelps house was moved from Massachusetts Avenue to a position behind this house when the block of stores was built now housing Lexington Theatre, et al. in 1918.

The Reed house (or Davis house) was moved here in 1912.

*In the Lexington Minute Man newspaper, dated December 7, 1888: "The barn and ell attached to the old Capt. Phelps place, on Main Street, was removed the earlier part of this week."

According to Mrs. Chas. C. Goodwin, Brooks Smith owned this house at one point in the 1800s.

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